



## Important Information - Obtaining Visas for Medical Treatment in the United States

All applicants for visitors' visas to the U.S. must qualify for the visa by demonstrating strong economic, social, and family ties to Belize. In addition, persons wishing to travel to the U.S. for medical treatment must provide the following information:

- ❑ **Belizean Medical Letter:** The applicant must present a letter from his/her local doctor or an appropriate Belize Ministry of Health official. The letter must describe the diagnosis/ailment/complaint for which the applicant is seeking treatment in the U.S.; describe any treatment/care already provided locally; and explain why necessary treatment/care cannot be obtained locally.
- ❑ **U.S. Doctor Letter:** The applicant must present a letter from the U.S. doctor which states that the doctor has reviewed the applicant's medical history and agreed to provide treatment/care to the applicant; estimates the cost of the expected treatment/care; estimates the length of treatment and recovery; and identifies the particular facility (e.g., hospital, clinic) to which the doctor would likely refer the applicant should additional care be recommended or required.
- ❑ **U.S. Hospital Letter:** The applicant must present a letter from the appropriate official of the hospital providing treatment (or identified by the U.S. doctor as the facility that would provide any recommended follow-up care). This letter must explain under what circumstances and at what specific cost the hospital will provide treatment and care (including any additional treatment and care that may be required following an anticipated diagnosis).
- ❑ **Financial Documentation of Ability to Pay:** The applicant must present evidence of his/her ability to pay the estimated cost of treatment/care in the U.S. This may take several forms, including one or more of the following:
  - Proof of health insurance that covers the expected care/treatment;
  - Bank statements of the applicant (or his/her parent or legal guardian) showing sufficient funds to cover the estimated costs;
  - A legally binding affidavit from a sponsor, together with financial documentation showing the sponsor has sufficient funds to cover the estimated costs;
  - A statement from a governmental agency or registered charitable organization pledging to pay all expenses

